Statement-II

The number of branches to be opened by Regional Rural Banks in different States by 31-3-93

Sl. No.	Name of State	Branches yet to be opened
1	Rajasthan	1
2	Assam	22
3	Manipur	6
4	Meghalaya	1
5	Mizoram	3
6	Nagaland	2
7	Tripura	2
8	Bihar	5
9	Madhya Pradesh	9
10	Uttar Pradesh	2
11	Maharashtra	4
12	Karnataka	1
	TOTAL	58

Recruitment system in Nationalised Banks

3986. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of Charlu Committee on the recruitment system in the nationalised banks have been accepted by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The following important recommendations made by the Charlu Committee have been accepted by Government and are being implemented by BSRBs:—

(1) Age limit for recruitment to officer cadre has been brought at par with the maximum age prescribed for civil services examinations of the Government.

(2) Minimum qualifying marks in the interview have been dispensed with.

(3) The objective test papers to be bilingual.

(4) The cut off mark is being determined on the basis of the aggregate marks obtained by all the competing candidates subject to their securing minimum qualifying marks in each of the objective tests.

(5) Candidates, not more than three times the number of vacancies, are being called for interview.

(6) The final merit list is being drawn up on the basis of the aggre-

gate marks obtained by a candidate in the objective tests and the interview.

(7) To the extent possible the written examinations are being conducted by the BSRBs on common dates.

(8) The examination fee for recruitment to officers cadres has been raised from Rs. 40/- to Rs. 50/-.

Share under promoter quota

3987. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any punitive action against any body who has violated provisions concerning shares under promoters' quota during lock-in period and matters connected therewith; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with the present position of each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The provisions concerning shares under promoters' quota relate to primary market transactions attracting SEBI guidelines and regulations. Further SEBI's inspection reports in regard to share registrars forwarded to Department of Company Affairs contained some instances of violation of provisions concerning shares allotted under promoters' quota. The Department of Company Affairs, however, has not taken action in the matter under the Companies Act, 1956, as the same does not fall under any provisions of the Act. Moreover, SEBI proposes to forward particulars of officer/employees of Government, Financial Institutions, Banks etc to their respective employers for appropriate action, if any, under their conduct rules.

Ceiling on external debts

3988. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government imposed a ceiling on external commercial borrowings;

(b) if so, what is the ceiling limit so imposed; and

(c) the steps being taken to reduce country's dependence on external borrowings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have decided to have an internal ceiling on external commercial borrowings of about Rs. 7500 Crores (US $ 2.5 Billion) per year subject to review from time to time.

(c) The stratgies to reduce dependence on external borrowings include export promotion, improved earnings through tourism and internal ceilings on external commercial borrowings.

सोने और चांदी का आयात

3989. श्री शान्ति त्यागी: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार सोने और चांदी का आयात करने का विचार रखती है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) उसके क्या कारण हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होता।